Railway train for T.V. Serial

*438. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for preparing the T.V. Serial "Yatra"—its producer Shri Shyam Benegal was provided with ten bogies for 50 days;

(b) if so, on what terms and conditions;

(c) whether the train was provided without any charges; if so, the reasons therefor and the expenditure incurred by Government thereon; and

(d) whether such facilities are provided by the Railways to the producers of the other similar T.V. Serials also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) It was felt by the Railway Administration that it would be desirable to request an eminent film maker to produce a T.V. serial with the back-drop of Indian Railways thereby bringing out the nature of duties performed by the workers in this massive organisation and the role that the Railways play as the life line of the Nation and in bringing people together, thus serving national integration. In this connection a request was made to Shri Shyam Benegal who agreed to do so. A special departmental train was run for this purpose. No other remuneration was paid to Shri Shyam Benegal by the Railways for making the film. As far as the expenditure incurred in the running of this train is concerned, no separate account for expenditure as such on individual trains is maintained.

(d) When films are produced at the request of the Railway administration, facilities for shooting at station premises and in trains etc., are extended free of cost.

Review of working of national book trust

*439. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a study team of the Administrative Staff College, Hyderabad to review the working of the National Book Trust of India;

(b) if so, the details of the report if any submitted, and the details of the observations made and recommendations accepted by Government;

(c) whether Government have implemented all the recommendations made by the study team; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) A study team of the Administrative Staff College, Hyderabad conducted a study of the various aspects of the working of the National Book Trust between September, 1977 and July, 1978.

(b) to (d) The report submitted in July, 1978 has made recommendations inter alia on re-organisation of the Trust, streamlining the existing procedure of work in various sections conducting of marketing research which should lead to information for planning publication programmes, development of distribution services through conventional and non-conventional channels bringing out titles for specific target groups of neo-literates in rural areas, stepping up of publicity programmes in radio and film media, adoption of flexible system of pricing including dual pricing policy for new and developing areas, organising training programmes, providing financial incentives and awards to encourage authorship and setting up of regional offices. Out of 39 recommendations made in the report, 27 have been accepted and implemented, and 8 have been accepted in principle and are in various stages of implementation.

Only 4 recommendations were found to be impracticable and therefore, not accepted.

DTC Loss

*440. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total loss suffered by the Delhi Transport Corporation during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 respectively; and

(b) what are the reasons of these recurring losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The net losses including depreciation and interest charges suffered by DTC during the last three years i. e. 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 are Rs. 101.12 crores, Rs. 140.78 crores and Rs. 176.92 crores respectively.

(b) During the period under review DTC has been operating under very low fare structure resulting in wide gap between cost of operation and the revenue generation. Only with effect from 8-2-86 there has been an upward revision leading to partial neutralization of losses. Coinciding with the increase in the fare structure, there, however, has been an increase in the cost of material inputs as well as labour inputs which has further added to the cost of operation. Further around 50 per cent of the net loss is on account of interest burden alone.

2843. [*Transferred to the 1st December,* 1986.]

Investigation into engineering failures of Dornier aircraf

@2844. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high level investigation group to find out the causes of unusual engineering failures experienced recently in Dornier aircraft at the time of take off and landing;

(b) if so, what is the composition of the group; and

(c) by when it is likely to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Though the causes of Engine failures recently experienced on Dornier aircraft are under investigation by Vayudoot, the Government has not set up any high level investigation group.

(c) No firm commitments regarding completion of investigation can be indicated.

2845. [*Transferred to the 2nd December,* 1986.]

Expenditure on Delhi University and J.N.U.

2846. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total expenditure incurred by Government on Jawaharlal Nehru University during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the expenditure incurred on Delhi University during the same period;

(c) what is the capital expenditure per student in each University; and

(d) whether there is any difference between the two, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2302 transferred from the 27th November, 1986.